MARICOPA URBAN COUNTY HOME PROGRAM APPLICATIONS FOR FY2005-2006 PROGRAM YEAR FUNDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO QUALIFIED APPLICANTS THAT MARICOPA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (MCCD) IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS UNDER THE US DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) HOME PROGRAM. DEADLINE TO APPLY IS DECEMBER 17, 2004. FY2005-06 IS YEAR 1 OF 5 OF THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN (CP).

WHAT IS THE HOME PROGRAM?

As part of the Cranston-Gonzales Affordable Housing Program, Maricopa County expects to receive approximately \$900,000 of HOME funds and \$147,000 of American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI) funds. The HOME Program provides funding to states and local governments to strengthen public-private partnerships to increase the supply of affordable housing for persons or families with income below 80% of median income. NOTE: HOME Program funds require a 25% non-federal match.

Priorities

Applications must address high priorities as identified by community in the Maricopa Urban County 5-year Consolidated Plan (CP). These include:

- 1) Acquisition and rehab or new construction of multi family rental units.
- 2) Rehabilitation or reconstruction of single family owner occupied homes;
- 3) First time homebuyer support; and,
- 4) New construction of single-family homes.

Note: All priorities are not shared by each community.

Nonprofit and for profit organizations must contact the community the project will serve to obtain a letter of consistency from that community that certifies the proposed project meets local high priority goals as identified in the CP. Additional local commitment may be required for some activities. This letter must be submitted with the application. Call MCCD staff for assistance in unincorporated areas.

WHAT IS THE 5-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN?

The 5-Year Consolidated Plan (CP) is a strategic planning document that includes priority housing and community development needs for all incorporated communities and all unincorporated areas in the Urban County. Specific goals and strategies have been identified by each community. The CP, including specific goals for your community, can be accessed at www.maricopa.gov/comm_dev

WHO CAN APPLY?

Cities, towns, individuals, non-profit or for-profit entities whose clients reside in the Urban Maricopa County may make application. The Urban Maricopa County is defined as the cities/towns of Avondale, Buckeye, El Mirage, Gila Bend, Goodyear, Guadalupe, Litchfield Park, Queen Creek, Surprise, Tolleson, Wickenburg, Youngtown and all unincorporated areas of Maricopa County. NOTE: There is a separate set aside and application process for Community Housing Development Organizations.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications will be available on Tuesday, November 2, 2004 at the Community Development office. Applications are available in hard copy or disk and will be mailed upon written request. Applications are also available for pick-up at:

Maricopa County Community Development 3003 North Central, Suite 1040 Phoenix, Arizona 85012-2906 (602) 240-2210 x 200

DEADLINE

Completed project applications must be received at the above address by **5:00 p.m., Friday, December 17, 2004**, in order to be considered for funding. FAX copies and postmarks <u>WILL NOT</u> be accepted. Incomplete applications will not be considered for funding.

It is the policy of Maricopa County not to discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, handicap, familial circumstance or national origin. Persons with special needs for assistance in translation, or who are handicapped should contact Community Development at (602) 240-2210 ext. 204 or TDD (602) 240-6956.

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